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Applicant: Karl-Heinz Kuebler  
Serial Number: 10/608,508  
Filing Date: June 27, 2003  
Examiner/Art Group Unit: T. Campbell/3742  
Title: FLUID HEATER WITH LOW POROSITY  
THERMAL MASS

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Entry of this Amendment under the provisions of Rule 37 C.F.R.  
1.116 is respectfully requested.

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following  
communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 25-0115.

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2005, please make  
the amendments shown in the attached papers in this application in the:

- ☐ Amendments to the Abstract.
- ☐ Amendments to the Specification.
- ☒ Amendments to the Claims.
- ☐ Amendments to the Drawings.

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search by the Examiner. Such amendments also place all of the claims in condition for allowance.

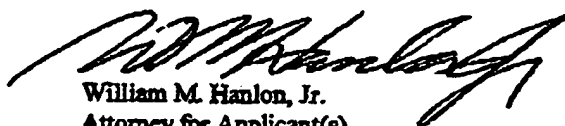
The amendments to the claims are submitted at this time to address the Examiner's comments raised for the first time in the "final" Office Action that the method of forming the thermally conductive mass is not germane to the patentability of the invention.

For these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that consideration and entry of this Amendment under the provisions of Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.116 is submitted to be warranted and is requested.

If, after considering this Amendment, the Examiner believes that further amendments to the claims may be necessary to place the claims in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II**

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